

EL PORTAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES -Final

(approved 9/14/21)

DATE: TUESDAY May 11, 2021
TIME: 7:00 – 8:00 P.M.
LOCATION: Teleconference

1. Roll call:

Mariposa County: Supervisor Rosemarie Smallcombe

Committee: Cat Fong, Greg Magruder, Kevin Shelton, Paul Amstutz, Pinky Collamer, Schree Yager

NPS: Alan Kunz

2. Persons wishing to speak on a matter not on the agenda, but within the jurisdiction of the committee. These items will be discussed after the conclusion of other items listed on the agenda. No action will be taken by the Committee. The public will also be given the opportunity to comment before or during the Committee's consideration of the items that are on the agenda.

3. Review, correct, and approve minutes of April 13, 2021

A motion was duly made and seconded to approve the minutes of April 13, 2021 as presented.

Pinky made the motion to approve, Cat seconded

Greg – yes

Kevin – yes

Schree – yes

Paul – yes

Ryan - yes

4. County Items

- Foresta Bridges - MGE / Public Works Meeting
 - Any date in May except 14th & 21st
 - Committee proposes two dates:
 - Tuesday, May 25
 - Wednesday, May 26
- Parkline No-camping Ordinance
 - 83 vehicles counted 5/7/21
 - engaging with USFS
 - Supervisor Smallcombe contacted
 - Jason Kuiken - Stanislaus National Forest
 - Has jurisdiction for river canyon
 - Dan Gould - Forest Supervisor at Sierra NF
 - Sheriff Briese will connect w/ NPS and USFS
 - signage, enforcement timeline
 - because private property it is county sheriff jurisdiction
 - see PDF for CalTrans sign examples
 - CHP has been patrolling early evening and morning
 - **ACTION ITEM:**
 - **Supervisor Smallcombe will follow up with CHP Captain & Sheriff**
 - **Ryan can get to the word out to climbers**
- Moss Creek Bridge Safety Issue

- Two road bikers injured
- Public Works – repaired bridge 5/11
 - **Action Item: Ryan to photo bridge repairs**
- Conference Call Information
 - GoTo Meeting Voice Over Internet
 - Caller should not be charged for the call
 - Socially Distanced In Person is an option for July meeting

5. Community Topics

- New Food Waste Dumpsters
 - Old El Portal, Rancheria, Valley NPS Housing
- Night Sky Initiative for El Portal
 - Resident brought up concern about strong exterior lights
 - **Action Item: Ryan to follow up with Ansel Adams Gallery**
- Roadside Vegetation / Brushing – EP Area Hwy 140
 - CalTrans typically completes this work
 - NPS brushes between Old El Portal & Rancheria
 - **Action Item: Ryan to confirm location with resident and communicate to Supervisor Smallcombe**
- NPS / El Portal Burn Pile Update
 - NPS Forestry posted the sign saying no pine needles, leaves, or wood chips shall be placed in the burn pile. Reasoning: these items don't burn, they smolder. While the residents of Old El Portal may not be affected by the smoke, the residents of the Trailer Court are highly impacted. The El Portal burn pile responsible for endless smoke complaints. The open top dumpsters were placed in El Portal are for yard waste disposal. Please share this with community members.
- PG&E Exchequer project compliance timeline
 - PGE Information:
 - Traffic control on HWY 140**
 - **Mid-June through mid-August periodically**
 - Location 39/232 and location 39/233 on Foresta Rd in El Portal**
 - **Vegetation removal June**
 - **Foundation installation including drilling August**
 - **Set Tower with Helicopter September**
 - **Pull new wire through line September**
 - **Completion September**
 - The NPS project manager's understanding is that compliance is in the final stages. NPS is still not sure about construction timing - PG&E is hoping to execute this year (with our work inside the park) but has run into some challenges getting Forest Service compliance done.
 - Alan confirmed that compliance is complete
 - PG&E to announce work schedule
 - ACTION ITEM:
 - Supervisor Smallcombe to email additional resources from PG&E
 - Alan to request additional maps and information from NPS

6. Next Meeting

- Next meeting – July 13, 2021
- Agenda Items- to be determined

7. Adjournment